

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Atty. Docket No.: SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[4])

<b>IN THE APPLICATION OF:</b>	)	
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James McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>	)	
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<b>Serial No.</b> 10/757,803	)	<b>Examiner:</b> Amy Hudson Bowman
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<b>Filed:</b> January 14, 2004	)	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> 1635
	)	
<b>Title</b> RNA Interference Mediated	)	<b>Confirmation No.:</b> 5421
Inhibition of Gene Expression	)	
Using Chemically Modified	)	
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid	)	
(siNA)	)	

**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action dated July 2, 2008, in the above-referenced application and request continued examination. A Notice of Appeal has been filed on October 2, 2008, with the appropriate fee. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a one (1)-month extension of time and the fee in connection with this petition. It is believed that no other fee is presently due; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overage to our deposit account number 50-4615.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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